

CALENDAR

MASSACHUSETTS PESTICIDE EXAM SCHEDULE

UMASS Eastern Extension Center—240 Beaver St., Waltham

FEBRUARY 8. Deadline for submitting application is **FEBRUARY 1.****QUESTIONS CALL—617-626-1785.**

THERE WILL BE NO APPLE REPORT NEXT WEEK

FRESH MARKET APPLE HOLDINGS PLUMMET TO 10-YEAR LOW

U.S. fresh market apple holdings dropped to the lowest level in a decade, according to the U.S. Apple Association nationwide survey of apple storage facilities on Dec. 1. Fresh holdings of 81.4 million bushels were the lowest since 1991, when U.S. fresh holdings totaled 79.7 million bushels. Holdings in most major U.S. growing regions were down from last year and below the five-year average for holdings on that date.

Northeast fresh holdings were 5% lower than holdings a year ago and 15% lower than the five-year average for that date.

Southeast fresh holdings were 1% less than on Dec. 1, 2000 and 8% less than the five-year average. Midwest fresh holdings were down 1% as compared to last year and 12% compared to the five-year average. Southwest fresh market apples were 47% lower than last year and 67% lower than the five-year average. Northwest fresh holdings were 17% lower than last year and 12% lower than the five-year average.

Fresh McIntosh holdings of 2.4 million bushels on Dec. 1, 2001 were down 4% from the previous year and down 21% from the five-year average. Fresh Empire holdings of 2.4 million bushels on Dec. 1, 2001 were up 1% from last year and 1% greater than the five-year average. Fresh Red Delicious holdings were 35.3 million bushels, a 15% decrease from last year and 21% lower than the five-year average. Fresh Golden Delicious holdings of 10.9 million bushels were down 23% from last year and down 25% from the five-year average.

Total U.S. holdings of fresh and processing apples on Dec. 1, 2001 were 120.2 million bushels, a 13% decrease from holdings on Dec. 1, 2000, and 11% below the five-year average for that date.

Total holdings of fresh market and processing apples in CA storage on Dec. 1, 2001 were 91.2 million bushels, an 11% decrease from 2000 and down 5% from the five-year average. Fresh CA holdings as of Dec. 1 were 12% below holdings on Dec. 1, 2000 and 8% less than the five-year average.

(Article from "THE FRUIT GROWERS NEWS" January 2002)

USDA VOWS TO SUPPORT 5 A DAY INITIATIVES**By Larry Waterfield**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has pledged to work with the produce industry and other 5 a day partners to increase consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.

In a Jan. 8 meeting with produce officials, Eric Bost, new undersecretary of agriculture for food, nutrition and consumer services, said the department plans to work with the produce industry to combat the surging epidemic of obesity in America. Nearly 75% of Americans fail to eat the recommended 5 servings of fresh produce a day.

The new 5 a Day partnership, which includes the Produce for Better Health Foundation and other health groups, asked the USDA in August to join the partnership's campaign.

Bost said he was not interested in "business as usual" and indicated he was seeking new approaches to better nutrition and the fight against obesity. He said Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Tommy Thompson, secretary of health and human services, had spoken about closer cooperation on nutrition issues between the two departments.

During the meeting with Bost, Tom Stenzel, president of United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Association, stressed to the USDA that "the produce industry views this partnership effort as a top priority for USDA."

Produce officials say that the full participation of the USDA is critical to increase produce consumption because the department runs huge nutrition programs, including food stamps, school lunch and breakfast, emergency feeding, the Women, Infants and Children's feeding program, and conducts nutrition research and outreach.

The department spends more than half its budget—almost \$40 billion—on nutrition programs. USDA feeding programs reach nearly 50 million people.

The farm bill now being debated in the U.S. Senate contains provisions for more food purchases and a pilot program to give away fresh produce in schools.
(Article from "THE PACKER" Jan. 21, 2002)

U.S. GRADES FOR APPLES

MARKING REGULATIONS

Massachusetts apple grading law requires all closed packages or containers marked with:

1. Owner or shippers name.
2. Variety.
3. Official grade.
4. Minimum size or numerical count.

Sale at retail or bulk or open packages or containers must be marked to variety, grade or minimum size.

When advertising by any medium where price is quoted, advertisement must state the correct grade, size and variety. When signs, flyers and posters are used to advertise price, the grade, size and variety must be shown

APPLE SHIPMENT TRACKING

Source: USDA

Amounts are shown in units of 10,000 pounds

Season Begins					
SEPTEMBER	01/06/02- 01/12/02	12/30/01- 01/05/02	01/07/01- 01/13-01	Total this season 01/12/02	Total last season 01/13/01
	10,602	6,030	10,537	161,737	201,390

MID-WEEK F.O.B. PRICES AT MASSACHUSETTS COUNTRY SHIPPING POINT

Prices and grades received by telephone, January 29, 2002

Controlled Atmosphere

VARIETY	GRADE	SIZE	PRICE
McINTOSH	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	80s	19.00
		96s	18.50
	Cartons Film Bags U.S. Fancy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	12.50
	Cartons Tote Bags U.S. Fancy	8-5s 2-1/2" min	14.00
CORTLAND	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	72s & 80s	18.00
	Cartons Film Bags U.S. Fancy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	12.50
	Cartons Tote Bags U.S. Fancy	8-5s 2-1/2" min	14.00
EMPIRE	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	80s	18.00
RED DELICIOUS	Cartons Film Bags U.S. Fancy	96s	17.50
		12-3s 2-1/2" min	11.50
	Cartons Tote Bags U.S. Fancy	8-5s 2-1/2" min	13.00
	Cartons Tray Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	80s & 88s	13.50
	Cartons Film Bags U.S. Fancy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	11.00
	Cartons Tote Bags U.S. Fancy	8-5s 2-1/2" min	13.00
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NEW ENGLAND			
McINTOSH	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. Extra Fancy (Controlled atmosphere)	80s	23.00-24.00
		100s	20.00
	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. No. 1	80s	12.00
		100s, 120s, 140s	9.00- 9.50
	Cartons Film Bags U.S. No. 1	12-3s 2-3/8" min	9.50
CORTLAND	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	80s	18.00
		96s	17.00
	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. No. 1	80s & 96s	12.00
SHIPPED IN			
McINTOSH	NY Hudson Valley Ctns CelPk U.S.ExFcy (Controlled atmosphere)	80s & 100s	19.00
	Lake Champlain Cartons CelPk Combination U.S. ExFcy-U.S. Fcy	80s	23.00-24.00
		100s	20.00
	NY Hudson Valley Ctns CelPk U.S. No. 1 (Controlled atmosphere)	120s & 140s	9.50
	Lake Champlain Ctns FlmBg U.S. Fcy	12-3s 2-1/2" up	11.00
EMPIRE	NY Hudson Valley Ctns CelPk U.S. Fcy	80s	18.00
		100s	16.00-17.00
	PA Cartons Tray Pack U.S. ExFcy	88s & 100s	17.50-18.00
	NY Hudson Valley Ctns FlmBg U.S. ExFcy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	12.00
RED DELICIOUS	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy (Controlled Atmosphere)	64s, 72s, 80s, 88s	17.00-19.00 fine appear. 20.00-21.00
		100s	16.00-20.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 fine appear. 20.00-21.00
		125s	16.00-19.00 mostly 16.00-18.00
	NY Hudson Valley Ctns FlmBgs U.S. ExFcy	12-3s 2-3/8" min	12.00
GOLDEN DELICIOUS	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy (Controlled Atmosphere)	64s	Fine appear. 26.00-27.00
		72s	Fine appear. 27.00
		80s	24.00-26.00 mostly 24.00
		88s	24.00-25.00 mostly 24.00
		100s	21.00-24.00 mostly 22.00-23.00
		113s	18.00-19.00
		125s	18.00
	WA Cartons Cell Pack WAExFcy (Controlled Atmosphere)	80s	26.00-27.00
		96s	24.00
ROYAL GALA	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy (Controlled Atmosphere)	72s	28.00
		80s	26.00-28.00
		88s	26.00-28.00 mostly 26.00
		100s	24.00
RED ROME	NY Hudson Valley Ctn TryPk U.S. ExFcy	80s & 88s	15.00
ROME	NY Hudson Valley Ctns FlmBgs U.S. ExFcy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	12.00
JONAGOLD	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy	72s	24.00
		80s	25.00
		88s	23.00
FUJI	PA Cartons Tray Pack U.S. ExFcy	80s & 88s	24.00
	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy	56s	25.00
		80s	23.00-23.50
		88s	23.50

		100s	18.00 fine appear. 24.00
BRAEBURN	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy	80s & 88s	23.50-25.00 mostly 24.00-25.00
		100s	22.00
CAMEO	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy (Controlled Atmosphere)	80s	24.50
PINK LADY	CA Ctns Tray Pack U.S. ExFcy	80s	28.00
GRANNY SMITH	CA Cartons Tray Pack U.S. ExFcy (Controlled Atmosphere)	100s	24.00
		113s	21.00
		125s	18.00
	WA Cartons Film Bags WAExFcy (Controlled Atmosphere)	12-3s 2-1/2" min	18.00
CIDER	New England Preserved Cartons	4-1 gallon bottles	9.00- 9.40 mostly 9.00
		9 ½-gallon bottles	10.00 best 11.25
Howard Vinton, Editor			